The Columbia State has intimated that there is a movement in some quarters to abolish primary elections, and it has been suggesting some amendments to the Constitution of the Democratic party.

· The present Constitution is defective and should be amended. We shall not this is all that there is in the charge undertake to point out a'l of these defeets.

In nearly every county in the State a contest has resulted from the elections this year. A reason must exist for this. One of them we believe is that there has been too much laxity, negligence and carelessness in carrying out the provisions already centained in the Constitution, and another is that the Constitution is not full enough to reach many of the cases. The Constitution distinctly provides, for instance, that a voter's nam: must have been "enrolled on the particular club list at which he offers to vote, at least five days before the first election." In the teeth of this plain language, with a copy of the Constitution furnished them, many managers; not even taking the trouble to read it, allowed persons noteso enrolled to cas: b:llots. Such votes are clearly illegal and ought not to be counted. But how are they to be identified? Throughout the suppose the voter declines to disclose how he voted-what's to be done then? If the vote can not be identified, although admitted to be illegal, can the whole box, in all fairness, be thrown out and thus disfranchise innocent legal voters? Clearly not. The affidavit of the voter may sometimes prove unsatisfactory. Some clean cut provision as to such irregularities should be made.

Again some kind of code of procedure in contests and protests should be adopted. There is absolutely nothing Wheeler's testimony as follows: There tant to serve the contestee with the thing." grounds of contest, and nothing as to when the contestee shall answer the can be found in the Constitution as to how an appellant must perfect an appeal popularity. from a decision of the County Executive Committee-no mention of how, sense" to a committee in 1900.

tioned with the hope that those who | South Carolina." attend the next State Convention will take some action to give the party a better Constitution.

THE 19th of October will be Lafayout the country, and the Northern him more careful in the exercise of newspapers are urging that the day be his privilege. The contests will conobserved. The object of this is to raise funds to erect a monument to Lafavette, and it is hoped that by a nnited effort in the public schools enough money will be raised. The We have already published the plan of will have to be fully developed before superstructure of our benevolent the commission and it need not be a satisfactory opinion can be formed. have already issued proclamations calling on the schools to celebrate Lafay- some kind has happened in this regi- work? exe day. We have not seen such a ment, and the Lieut. Colonel has proclamation by Governor Ellerbe, but generally figured in them. It may be the school children can celebrate the a case of prosecution as he claims. day without a proclamation. We suggest that the teachers throughout the county inform their pupils that the 19th inst. be observed as Lafavette Day, and thousands of children in the United States will observe the day. very ill for several days, is improving Each child might be requested to con- rapidly. tribute one cent, two cents or any amount that could be conveniently surance man of Rock Hill, is here on donated. The teacher might devote a visit to his many friends. half an hour, or so much time as may Mrs. Pagan, of Walhalla, S. C., is be necessary, in telling the pupils with her daughter Mrs. Norman help or he work will suffer. Many something about Lafayette.

WE have from Mr. W. W. Finley, Columbia on Tuesday. 2nd vice-president of the Southern Mr. Seldon Williams, of the 1st Railway Company, a copy of the S. C. Regiment, who came home with volume "Empire of the South." It is measles, is able to be out again. beautifully illustrated, prettily bound, The farmers seem to realize the and contains a fair, accurate and slim change for an advance in cotton. truthful statement of the resources of and are marketing it as fast as possible that part of the South through which —giving it away, as they express it. Missions at once. this great railway system passes. The Mr. Charlton Thomas, who came volume will make a splendid addition home sick last week, returned to Coto any library, and ought to prove of lumbia on Monday. great value to the South. It is dedi- The silverites seem to realize that cated as follows: "This volume is as colonel of a regiment, William Jendedicated to the people of the South nings Bryan, the only recognized taken with a bad cold which settled on

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WHEELER'S TESTIMONY.

General Wheeler has been (xamined, and unless "the yellow j'm a ls" can get more out of Miles than has been obtained by Gen. Wheeler's testimony, the cry against mismanagement will fall flat.

Gen. Wheeler's testimony covered the two important points of Santiago and Wikoff. As to Santiago he said that there had necessarily been suffering while the soldiers were in the tre .ches, but General Wheeler does not see how this could be avoided, and he testifies that General Shafter did

his utmost to protect his men. Any one who has read about wars and the life of a soldier can well im-

agine that there would se a great deal of suffering in a tropical country like and that an army in trenches prepared to fight and expecting to fight would as a matter of course have to endure a great many hardships. "On occasions there was a shortage of surgeons, some of the surgeons being sick or wounded," says General Wheeler. If made against the medical department

then this charge will fall flat. The A sociated Press reports that "according to General Wheeler's belief the wounded in battle were promptly cared for by the surgeons. After the fight of July 1st, all the wounded were carried from the field that night. The witness had heard that there was more complaint of the shortage of medicine among the infantry than in the cavalry arm of the service."

At Tampa, Gen. Wheeler testifies that at times a shortage of supplies occurred, but very characteristically added, "nothing that a soldier could

complain of." Gen. Wheeler's testimony brings out the character of the witness, and in it one can gather why Joe Wheeler is such a favorite with his men. For instance, referring to the sleeping apartments on the transports, he said that they were quite warm and there was some discomfort; that he had often gone down among the men at night apon the affiliavit of the voier; but and found that there was comparatively little complaint, except for the heat. On leaving Santiage, Wheeler sailed on the Miami, and selected this transport, because it was said to be the worst. Wheeler found the ship fairly comfortable. Here is something too which shows the character of the man. Speaking of the landing in business, and we felt that prompt disembarkation and a speedy movement to the front would impress the enemy more than anything else." The Associated Press on this point reports Gen.

in the Constitution of the party on was also a shortage at this time of this important subject, except that the transportation facilities towards the notice of protest and contest shall be front. His own illness had been caused employed as a missionary in this work, fied with the County Chairman within by exposure, and he had not himself followed Mr. Pratt in short practical five days after the election, and it shall been supplied with a tent. "I was talk. He made the statement that 13 be heard by the County Executive more shifty than some of the soldiers. churches with 700 members had given Committee and reviewed by the State I stretched a little oil cloth from a tree for all purposes \$300. He also stated Committee on appeal. Nothing, it to protect my face from the dew, but that one church had paid its pastor will be observed, requiring the contes- any soldier could have done the same only \$15 last year. He said that with

Wheeler shares the hardships of his men; in these he makes himself one netice and grounds or indeed whether of them. This, we believe, together had a large surplus for other purposes. he shall make any answer. Nothing with with his splendid ability as a God is blessing the work elsewhere military leader, accounts for Wheeler's and this should be an incentive to his

A NUMBER of business men in Cowhen or upon whom service of notice lumbia and members of the State of appeal shall be made or any pro- Executive Committee have sent a vison whatever as to what shall consti- petition to Col. Jones of the Second tute "the case" before the State Com- South Carolina Regiment asking that mittee. It will not do to say that he resign, and return to his business. plain common sense shall control. No one may doubt that Colonel Junes "Plain common sense" to a committee is a valuable man in the business of in 1898 may not be "plain common Columbia, but the many people who did not see this petition and did not These are only a few of the defects sign it will wonder why the signers in the Constitution, and they are men- style themselves, "We, the people of

> It is to be hoped that the numerous contested election cases in the State will have a wholesome eff . Close elections bring home to the v t r the value of one vote and serve to make vince managers and others charged with the management of the election machinery of the importance of seeing that everything is regular and in order.

THE case against Lient. Col. Tillman Most people, nevertheless, must be

RIDGEWAY LOCALS.

Mrs. Norman Palmers, who has been

Mr. J. C. Crowell, the popular in-

Palmer. Mr. Halbert Palmer came up from than usual. Will not the brethren

by the Southern Railway Company whose interests are identical with those of the States traversed by its lines."

The southern Railway Company champion of the party, will not be able to make the next fight. This puts them very much in the same position as the Jew, who after having made elaborate preparations to take the next fight.

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| My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a

THE FAIRFIELD BAPTIST ASSOCIA.

Met in the Baptist Church on Friday-Synopsis of Proceedings.

The Fairfield association met at 10 a. m. and organized by electing the following officers: Rev. H. K. Ezell, moderator; T. J.

Letters from the various churches were received and read. The treasurer than made his report which was accepted.

Rev. A. McA. Pittman presented the claims of the South Carolina Baptist. At 12 m. Rev. W. C. Lindsay, of Columbia, preached introductory sermon. It was a fine sermon, one of

Dr. Lindsay's best efforts. The association adjourned for dinner and after an intermission of one hour Cuba in the months of June and July, and a half reassembled for business. After afteen minutes spent in a song and praise service the report on the Connie Maxwell Orphanage (the Bap- Girding her round with a cordon of tist orphanage) was made by Rev.

> W. H. Joiner. Rev. Vass, the efficient superintendant, followed with a full description of the work done there. There are more than one hundred children in this institution now. These boys and girls are trained for every avocation in life. They are taught to labor with their hands, and their heads and hearts are not neglected. Mr. Vass' speech was full of good, practical instruction and was well received. The Connie Maxwell Orphanage is the pet and Jefferson Davis, the soldier and sage; pride of the denomination and is Highest his name on that war written doing a grand work.

The association adjourned at 430 p. m. to meet again at 7.30 at night, when the treasurer, Mr. W. R. Rabb, made a report on State Missions. Dr. T. M. Bailey, State secretary,

made an interesting talk. The further proceedings will be reported hereafter.

SATURDAY. After fifteen minutes devoted to a song and prayer service, the association proceeded to a consideration of the subject appointed for the hour on Friday night. In pursuance to the And in the long years the day-dawn order of business, the committee, consisting of Messrs. W. R. Rabb, J. P. report on State Missions. .

Rev. R. N. Pratt, of the second Baptist Church, of Columbia, opened the discussion of the report. Although his remarks were impromptu, they were to the point. Mr. Pratt said, in substance, that the Bible was a mis-Cuba. he said: "We were there for sienary book; the Bible made the command to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mr. Pratt developed the idea that State Missions was foundation work. If we neglect home work, the work in China, in Africa and in other foreign countries would be neg'ected.

Rev. J. P. Isenhower, who has been the money spent for tobacco and whiskey that congregation could have paid their pastor a good salary and people to support the State Mission

Dr. T. M. Bailey, State Secretary of the Board, closed the discussion in a strong address. He attributed the growth of the Baptist Church in South Carolina to the State Mission work. He thought it significant that when this board was created in 1866 the Baptists numbered in this State 60,000 and now they numbered 96,000, out- There is only one way to cure deafnumbering any other denomination by 20,000. Mission work is the spirit inflamed condition of the mucous

of God. The following is the report of the

but a little reflection will show that State missions should be first and uppermost in consideration.

Says Doctor Gardner: "State missions bears to the other benevolent flamed condition of the mucous surenterprises of the denomination the same relation as the trunk of the tree te the branches -or the foundation of the building to the superstructure for every new church organized and made self-sustaining is a new stone put into the foundation on which is erccted th work." It is not wise to meglect this foundation-therefore it is not wise to

neglect State Missions. What are we doing for this grand

The board has asked for \$12 500 and apportioned this amount among the different associations. Our association has been asked to raise \$400 What have we done? Three-fourths of the year already gone and we have raised only \$126.61. Brethren, this will never do. Let us get to work, and work in earnest for State Missions from now until the last of November and see to it that our association at least pays her full quota. The work is prospering as it never did before, and nearly every church represented here is indebted to the board for help already given, and now is the time for us to show our appreciation, for they are heavily in debt and must have of our churches have not given any thing this year and all have given less take this matter home to their churches

and see to it that a goodly amount is raised at once for State Missions? Your committee respectfully suggest that this association pass a resolution requesting the pastors to bring this matter before their churches and urge them to make special efforts to have them contribute liberally to State

Respectfully submitted, W. R. Rabb, Chairman.

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Peaceful her rest. Born in the flush of a young nation's Born when the whole world we proudly defied, Born in those times when the stronge-t

were tried, Cradled in wars. Battle drums beating the call to the Sabre gleams flishing to left and to

light, Daughter of Mars. Only a babe, when the boys in the Kept through the long years their foemen at bay; Crushed and outnumbered they u elted

Each tattered line. Then, with her sire, she stood for the right Wrested away by the red hand of might, And through the ages a halo of light

Round them will shine.

page, Then it will flash through each swift

coming age, Telling to all, How, though our banners were trailed in the dust, Still the Lost Cause was the true and

the just-Scotless his honor, we hold it in trust Never to fall. All gone save honor; ah! God, how it Buried we sadly the cause which we

lost. Sill in our hearts walks its white shronded ghost. Living though dead.

will break. Out of its sleep will the Lost Cause Isenhower and J. Barnet, made their All that was true, which we then placed at stake. Lies yet ahead.

> Winnie! how dear to the south is her-Whisper it low in the sweetest refrain, Set it to music, and sing it again, Pearless her line.

> Prouder her title than daughter of king, Richer each year will its cadences ring, Roses of love will the South ever bring Fresh to her shrine.

Soft as the flush that is left by the sun,

Pressed on the skies, when his day' work is done, Lighting with glory a pathway well So does it seem.

Rays from her suns:t of life softly Leaving their light on each heart and each home, Making the southland, which calls her

Bright with their sheen

Let her sleep on where our dead heroes Occe for a bulwark around her they pressed, Now still on guard in their graves-it

Hushed be all strife. Bright stars above with their sad shining eyes, Look down upon them from warm southern skies, Watching their dust, till God bid them

arise Back into life. -E. A. Wingard.

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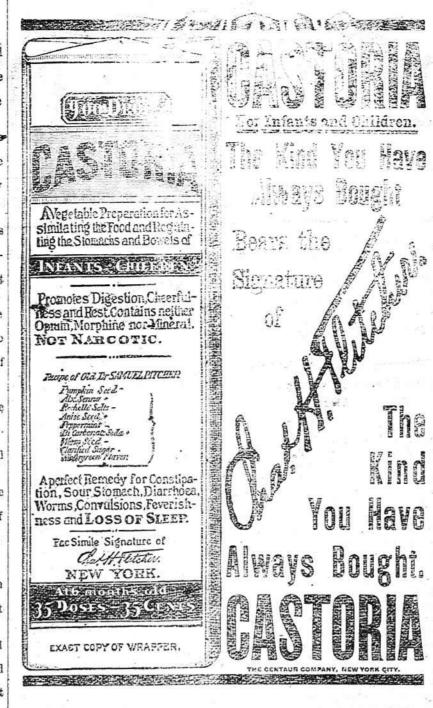
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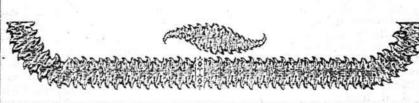
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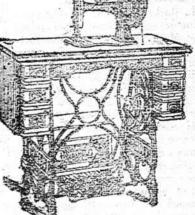
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